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Attorney Docket No. **061404-1090**
First Inventor **Charles W. Pennington**
Title **Storage Vessels and Related Closure Methods**
Express Mail Label No. **EL492176673US**

APPLICATION ELEMENTS

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2. ☒ Applicant claims small entity status.
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 - Descriptive title of the invention
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 - Brief Summary of the Invention
 - Brief Description of the Drawings (if filed)
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see 37 CFR 1.63(d)(2) and 1.33(b).
6. ☐ Application Data Sheet. See 37 CFR 1.76
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9. ☐ Assignment Papers (cover sheet & Documents(s))
10. ☐ 37 CFR 3.73(b) Statement (when there is an assignee) ☐ Power of Attorney
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12. ☐ Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)/PTO-1449 ☐ Copies of IDS Citations
13. ☐ Preliminary Amendment
14. ☒ Return Receipt Postcard (MPEP 503)
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Small Entity Statement

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103	710	201	355	Utility filing fee	\$355
106	320	206	160	Design filing fee	\$
107	490	207	245	Plant filing fee	\$
108	710	208	355	Reissue filing fee	\$
114	150	214	75	Provisional filing fee	\$
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Total Claims	23	-20** = 3	9.00 = 27
Independent Claims	3	-3** = 0	40.00 = 0
Multiple Dependent		270.00	0

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103	18	203	9	Claims in excess of 20
102	80	202	40	Independent Claims in excess of 3
104	270	204	135	Multiple dependent claims in excess of 3
109	80	209	40	**Reissue independent claims over original patent
110	18	210	9	**Reissue claims in excess of 20 and over original patent
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105	130	205	65	Surcharge - late filing fee	
127	50	227	25	Surcharge - late provisional filing fee or cover sheet.	
139	130	139	130	Non-English specification	
147	2,520	147	2,520	For filing a request for reexamination	
112	920*	112	920*	Requesting publication of SIR prior to Examiner action	
113	1,840*	113	1,840*	Requesting publication of SIR after Examiner action	
115	110	215	55	Extension for reply within first month	
116	390	216	195	Extension of time within second month	
117	890	217	445	Extension of time within third month	
118	1,390	218	695	Extension of time within fourth month	
128	1,890	228	945	Extension of time within fifth month	
119	310	219	155	Notice of Appeal	
120	310	220	155	Filing a brief in support of an appeal	
121	270	221	135	Request for oral hearing	
138	1,510	138	1,510	Petition to institute a public use proceeding	
140	110	240	55	Petition to revive - unavoidable	
141	1,240	241	620	Petition to revive - unintentional	
142	1,240	242	620	Utility issue fee (or reissue)	
143	440	243	220	Design issue fee	
144	600	244	300	Plant issue fee	
122	130	122	130	Petitions to the Commissioner	
123	50	123	50	Petitions related to provisional applications	
126	180	126	180	Submission of Information Disclosure Stmt.	
581	40	581	40	Recording each patent assignment per property (time number of properties)	
146	710	246	355	Filing a submission after final rejection (37 CFR 1.129(a))	
149	710	249	355	For each additional invention to be examined (37 CFR 1.129(b))	
179	710	279	355	Request for Continued Examination (RCE)	
169	900	169	900	Request for expedited examination of a design application	
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Utility Patent Application Transmittal Page
Fee Transmittal Page
Utility Patent Application Consisting Of:
9 Pages of Specification
6 Pages of Claims
1 Pages of Abstract
4 Pages of Informal Drawings
Declaration of Pennington and Carver (2 pages)
Small Entity Statement (2 pages)
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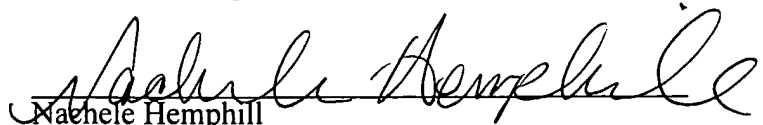
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